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Houses Show Split

Fraternity Rooming Policy Plan Draws Mixed Reaction

Results of individual fraternities' votes, on the proposal of the Interfraternity Council to give residential preference in fraternity houses to upperclassman showed differences among the group.

As of Monday night six houses accepted the proposal, one tentatively, and one only as a recommendation; two houses did not accept the proposal; two houses have not yet voted.

The breakdown of house voting was as follows.

Alpha Sigma Psi — Has not been brought to a vote.

Alpha Tau Omega — Has not come to a final vote. A straw vote indicated 23 in favor, 3 against.

Chi Psi — approved by a 35-7 vote, on the condition that 24 juniors and seniors are interested in living at the house. The IFC recognizes financial conditions.

Delta Kappa Epsilon — unanimously approved.

Delta Upsilon — approved by a two-thirds majority.

Kappa Delta Rho — almost unanimously defeated, only 4 members voting in favor of the proposal.

Phi Kappa Tau — accepted the measure.

Sigma Phi Epsilon —tentatively accepted. With 28 of the 65 house members voting, it was decided to call the vote tentative. Those voting were in favor of the measure 23-5.

Theta Chi — not accepted. It was felt that it would not be good to establish the measure as a policy until the house can be filled with juniors and seniors. According to the present arrangement, seniors have preference after the house officers.

Zeta Psi —Unanimously passed as a recommendation, but did not come to a vote as a policy.

Summing up the proposal, after the voting had been reported, Henry Moody, president of the IFC, commented: "Results (of the proposal) may not be directly seen next year, but it will work for the betterment of the College in the long run."

IFC Reveals Successful Results Of Second Annual Help Week

Phi Kappa Tau will be the first recipient of the Alpha Tau Omega-donated Help-Week trophy for their "organized and successful" work on Middlebury parks and roads.

The winner was announced this week by judges Paul M. Cubeta, assistant professor of English, Arthur K. D. Healy, associate professor of fine arts, and Henry B. Prickett, assistant professor of English.

Criteria for judging included quality of work, number of hours put in and, most important, percentage of members participating.

Special commendation was made for Zeta Psi's work on town school yards. In spite of many hours of work, several houses showed only small over-all participation.

Though a few town reactions were "a little cool," according to Robert Cromwell '60, Help Week chairman, the majority were very appreciative and showed "the brothers pitched in willingly and did work of good quality," as evidenced in recent articles and editorials in the Addison Independent.

ATO at Middlebury launched Help Week several years ago as a replacement for their annual week of a slightly different connotation, starting a trend which spread to ATO chapters at colleges and universities throughout the U. S.

The trophy was initiated this year "in hopes that Help Week will become a well-established institution at Middlebury," Cromwell emphasized. "It gives fraternities the chance to work together in an organized team, not only for themselves but for others. Where organization lacked, so did the success of the project."

DISCUSSING PLANS for future Mountain Club events are (from left to right) Richard Krasker, new Skyline president, Carolyn Parks and Edward Fowler. The latter two will serve on the Mountain Club governing board as Carnival co-chairmen.

Mountain Club Elects New Slate; Sets Weekend Plans

As part of the governing board of Mountain Club, Edward Fowler '59 and Carolyn Parks '59 will serve as Carnival co-chairmen for 1958 - 59. Richard Krasker '59 was elected Skyline president; John Cowan '60, treasurer.

Skyline members are competing this weekend in the annual woodsmen's competition, held this year at the University of Maine.

The Mountain Club is fielding two teams of six men each, who will compete against teams from the University of Maine, Dartmouth, Paul Smith, University of New Hampshire, Colby and Harvard. The events of the competition include speed-chopping, splitting, felling, single and double canoeing and cross-cut and buck sawing.

Members of Middlebury's "A" team are captain Fowler, Krasker, Andrew Montgomery '59, Cowan, Thomas Irwin '60, David Lutton '60. The "B" team members are captain Warren Clark '59, Thom- '60, George Tuttle '60.

The Mountain Club schedule of activities for next fall opens with the traditional freshman outing on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Bread Loaf compus. Upon completion of the outing and the return of the freshman to Middlebury, there will be a joint Skyline - faculty dinner, square - dance and outing.

Exact dates of hikes for the fall have not yet been determined, but overnight hikes are planned to Glen Ellen Lodge, Cooper Lodge, Skyline Lodge and Camel's Hump. Also planned but not definitely dated are the annual Cove Point and Alpenstock Dance and Woodsmen's Weekend.

On Oct. 4, there is a scheduled meeting with present and past Skyline members to discuss future Mountain Club plans. There is the possibility of an overnight if enough alumni are interested.

With the addition of two new canoes this spring and the possibility of acquiring two more next fall, the Mountain Club hopes to begin regularly scheduled weekend and day canoe trips.

According to President Krasker, "The Mountain Club plans to increase its outside activities next year." The Green Mountain Club has indicated a desire to form a Green Mountain Club Section, based on the Middlebury Mountain Club. This would give the Middlebury Mountain Club, along with the U. S. Forest Service, permanent responsibility of maintaining the Long Trail and side trails from Lincoln Gap to Brandon Gap, a distance of approximately 40 miles.

Spurrier to Speak In Sunday Chapel

William A. Spurrier, chairman of the department of religion at Wesleyan University, will be the guest chapel preacher and lecturer this Sunday.

Professor Spurrier, a graduate of Williams College and Union Theological Seminary, is Wesleyan's chaplain and author of the text "Guide to the Christian Faith."

"Is Anybody Listening?" is to be the title of the chapel sermon, and the lecture, at 7:15, will be on the topic "Christian Decisions in Secular Vocations."

This is the final chapel lecture of the year; credit will be given. The final chapel service will be May 18.

ROTC Cadets Parade For Army Officers

The review of the 550-man ROTC regiment on Porter Field this afternoon climaxed the annual two-day Department of the Army's inspection of the Middlebury College ROTC unit.

The drill platoon, commanded by Cadet M. Sgt. Philip Hodges '59, opened the ceremonies with a fifteen-minute demonstration of drill and manual-of-arms maneuvers.

Honorary Cadet Colonel Susan Lockwood '58 then formally presented the Middlebury College colors to regiment Cadet Colonel Theodore Smith '58. The regiment previously selected Miss Lockwood as their honorary colonel.

Reviewing Party

President Samuel S. Stratton and Colonel Richard D. Smith, deputy commander Vermont sector III Corps, headed the reviewing party, which included Howard Murray, commander of American Legion Post 27; Russell Cooper, senior vice-president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Whitney D. Safford, Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution; Warren R. Austin Jr., member of the Loyal Legion; Lt. Col. William W. Saunders, commander of the Middlebury ROTC; Lt. Col. Phillip A. Alli-

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Academic Atmosphere

Campus Religion Stimulates Concept of Calling, Purpose

BY ALFRED FARRELL

Is there a connection between the religious and the academic sides of College life?

In a liberal-arts atmosphere, where men and thoughts are given their widest possible expression, the position of religion is highly important, answers College Chaplain Charles P. Scott.

The sincere Christian or Jewish student is not necessarily the top student, but the seriousness of his faith may well provide the necessary motivation for successful scholarship.

"World-View" Ideology

Both faiths, Chaplain Scott explained, contain a "world-view" ideology wherein everything has its proper place in the world. Since nothing is "ultimately beside the point," the mind must be hospitable to the possibility of any new truths.

Also common to the Hebrew-Christian heritage, according to the chaplain, is the concept of a "calling." That is, each and every person has a place in the universe. To do the best with one's facilities toward filling that place is, to the devout, an act of piety or, perhaps, a religious obligation. The present calling of those in college, he observed, is to be "the best student possible."

No man is entirely without religion, despite his claims, Chaplain Scott feels. Whether or not one accepts a God or Supreme Being, everyone bases his life on "something intimate and ultimate, be it money, sex or personal power!" One's basis for life, this "intimate and ultimate," is not something to b proved, he added, but an axiom upon which other truths are to be based.

The intermingling of various faiths, Chaplain Scott observed, evokes a healthy curiousity among students. Through his religious tradition, the Christian or Jew realizes his interpretation of truth is incomplete.

The student does not confuse Creator with Creation, nor does he impute any sacredness to the latter. Therefore, he is free to search, examine and explore all aspects of creation responsibly.

Most encouraging in the current religious situation is the change that has come about in the last generation. Since World War II, the chaplain concluded, religion has attained a continuously higher place in undergraduate study. Two things may account for this, he suggested. First, having created weapons for our own destruction, we now have turned to an evaluation of man's role in the universe.

Second, a new soberness exists in the interpretation of the doctrine of progress and of the nature of man. A re-evaluation of the old theory of "educate all for a better world" is taking place. Technical "madness" is being replaced by a thorough consideration of human values.

Large College Dropout Rate Draws Nationwide Concern

More than one out of four students leaves college before the beginning of his second year, and an even greater percentage drops out during the following years, according to a United States Office of Education report, recently cited by "New York Times."

The report, which mentioned that one-fifth of the drop-outs had been in the top 20 percent of their high-school graduating classes, blamed the drop-out rate on "waste and inefficiency in the administration of scholarship funds," "the performance of the counselling, guidance and orientation functions" and the failure of colleges "to recognize, and make adjustments for, the changing character of their student populations."

John Handy, director of admissions for men, felt the report had one false assumption in the whole article, namely, that those who do well in high school should go to college and that once there, it is their privilege to be allowed to stay."

He referred to the plight of some institutions which must accept a number of students, only to flunk them out later on. Being in the top 20 percent of a high-school senior class is not always sufficient evidence, he indicated, of ability to succeed in college.

Ten Percent Drop-Out

In the absence of available figures, Handy guessed that the annual men's drop-out rate for Middlebury might approximate ten percent of a freshman class per year. Dartmouth is reputed to have an annual drop-out rate of two percent.

Defending the situation here, Elizabeth B. Kelly, dean of women, emphasized that those Middlebury women who do leave school usually intend to transfer or go abroad. A very small number quit College to get married, although marriage and the taking of permanent jobs were cited by the report as major reasons behind women's drop-outs.

Handy admitted that, as the report inferred, student populations have changed, "both in kind and degree." He pointed to two significant trends, however, as more satisfactory explanations of a grow ing drop-out rate than those ad-

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IFC Proposal Adopted

Since the Interfraternity Council meeting last Monday night, two more fraternities have accepted the IFC proposal to give resident preference in fraternity houses to upperclassmen. This makes a total of eight fraternities in favor of the proposal with two not accepting it.

The proposal, though not strictly binding on the fraternities, is designed to aid sophomores in a year that has proven to be crucial for many. By decreasing the number of sophomores rooming in fraternity houses, it is hoped that the sophomore men's academic standing will rise accordingly.

Another problem will also be solved if this proposal is carried through in the forthcoming year. The feeling has long been that upperclassmen living in fraternity houses were in a better position to exert a stabilizing influence over the fraternity. The sophomores will have a better chance to absorb such influence and in their future years will profit from it.

It is hoped that the fraternities adopting this proposal will endeavor to carry it through next year.

Avoid Provincialism

Throughout the past year a number of controversial issues have been aired in the pages of this newspaper and in various discussion groups on campus. The subjects of controversy range from College apathy to compulsory chapel. More often than not these issues have been treated in such a manner than an outside observer might suspect they were unique to the Middlebury. This is simply not the case.

Beyond the hills embracing this college are similiar academic centers with problems identical to ours. Conformity, mediocrity and apathy, commonplace nouns here, are not exclusively problems of the immediate environs. Officials at Princeton, Trinity and Brown, to name a few institutions, have been fully acquainted with apathy and lack of intellectualism on their own campuses.

The tendency here in the past has been to view these issues through glasses fogged with provincialism. Some protestors see this provincial outlook caused by what they term geographical isolation. But in comparison with other northeastern colleges, Middlebury is less removed from urban areas than many. Some students, believing this college is isolated, base their convictions on the fact that it is difficult to reach New York or Chicago in one hour.

The real source of our provincial attitude is found in the realization that Middlebury is playing an active part in an exciting scene of educational introspection. As we uncover conditions that seem to be centered in our own area, we tend to confine ourselves to the solution of these conditions without realizing they are prevalent elsewhere.

In the future, if we attempt to view these problems and issues not as private, confined subjects but as part of national trends, we will escape the perils of provincialism.

A Hoped-For Tradition

With the announcement by the Interfraternity Council of successful completion of the second annual Fraternity Help Week, congratulations in large measure are due to the fraternities who worked on the very worthwhile projects accomplished.

Kudos goes to the winner of the Help Week Trophy, Phi Kappa Tau, and praise to the doners of this trophy to Middlebury, the local chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

Fraternities are at times a touchy subject in the village of Middlebury. The parties, especially during certain weekends of the year, are long and noisy, the pre-and post-examination celebrations, deafening. Chipman Hill becomes piled with sufficient scrap metal to build three Sherman tanks.

But the annual Help Week, initiated by ATO at Indiana State in 1950, and begun in an organized, campus-wide fashion at Middlebury by the IFC last fall, does more than any letter of apology for a noisy party, any payment of a traffic-court fine, can do to atone for the peccadilloes of 475 organized college-age males in the hearts of the townspeople; more than any College function, it cements firmly the revered "Town-Gown" relationship.

But more than this, Help Week instills in every participant a distinct sense of contribution to the community, and this is its most salutary effect. The experience of working as a fraternity for the common good is perhaps one of the most valuable that can be taken from one's college education.

FACULTY FORUM

Studies Show College Grads Have Fewer Adjustment Trials

By RUSSELL SHOLES
Professor of Sociology — Anthropology

College graduates seem to be in a class by themselves through possession of a quality of successful adjustment.

Not all the brightest students who enter a college stay to graduate, and a number of lesser ability but with this intangible pattern of adjustment graduate with credit to themselves and the college.

The predicted number who will apply for admission to the colleges and the limited number who can be admitted make us wish that we had a more reliable method of selection. Actually, for the country as a whole there is a nearly 50 percent drop from entrance to graduation, a loss for each person involved and a loss for the country as a whole.

A CONSIDERABLE TEMPEST has arisen over the suggestion that selection for college be made before the age of high school, as it done in a number of European countries on a somewhat arbitrary basis. With our present knowledge and techniques, it is probably justified. However, there may be something to be said for the age of selection when we have gained more information about personalities.

Here are some observations from my fields of interest that have led me to speculate that neither brains or financial ability, alone or together, can be used much longer as sufficient criteria for college entrace. There is a social factor as yet dimly visible that may be the necessary factor.

It is a matter of statistics that college graduates do not get into serious trouble with the law in sufficient numbers to have become any appreciable percentage of felons. I have had the opportunity to interview over 5,000 men who were up for trial or who had been convicted of felonies, and among them only a handful identified themselves as college graduates. A later routine check of their records increased the number by only a few.

A NUMBER OF MORE recent studies have shown that college graduates do not go to prison at a rate in any way comparable with their numbers in the general population. Tests of those in prison show that they have about the same general distribution of I. Q.'s as non-prisoners. Thus, brains do not keep you out of prison, but a college degree does, not because of the degree, but for the same basic reason that made it possible for you to earn that degree.

The case is much the same for marriage failures. College graduates have a considerably lower rate of failure than non-college people, and for the reason above. Graduation and success in marriage call for the same qualities of personality.

Many excited readers of the Kinsey report failed to note one of his important observations, that people who later went to (and presumably graduated from) college showed as early as ages eight to 12 a definite pattern of interest and activity. This pattern of personality was of considerable difference from those who would never go to college or who went and failed.

If we put this all together, it would seem as though there was a pattern of personality, which, when we can isolate it, can be used as early as ages eight to 12 to help determine who has the necessary qualifications to be successful at the college level.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The CAMPUS wishes to correct its statement (CAMPUS, May 1, 1958) concerning the expansion of the history department. The new departmental course, History 37.1 — a French history course — represents a substitution, rather than an expansion. It is being substituted for History 39.1 and 47.2.

LETTERS

'False Relief' Reply

To the Editor:

Dear Middlebury Student,

Your puerile letter entitled "False Relief" is enough to make any individual "sic." America's educational system is in the stagnant rut in which we find it because of the narrow-minded persons such as yourself who are incapable of mustering the common sense to realize that thinking is the lifeline of democracy and the only solution to the problems which the free world now faces.

You ask, "What is the use of Intellectual Atmosphere?" An intellectual atmosphere is one in which thought is stimulated and one which develops in the student an inquiring mind. It produces an individual who is not satisfied with doing merely what he is **required** to do, an individual who searches for answers and reasons, an individual who digs below the surface of ideas and finds what motivates them and thus understands them better. It is this and only this type of individual which can help the free world in its quest for the solutions to its problems. Would you object, then, if Middlebury College enabled you to develop your thought processes, rather than let you graduate as an average non-thinking person who can be twisted around on the finger of a smooth-talking political salesman?

You stated that "actually it is difficult to imagine a better balanced, better adjusted group of people anywhere and unquestionably, the development of "Intellectual Atomosphere" (sic) on the campus would cause social problems and ideological conflicts which do not exist, and which would endanger this harmony." You obviously didn't let your imagination run wild. Does it scare you to think that someday some individual may ask you **why** you believe something, rather than merely **what** you believe? You indirectly state that your opinion is that of the majority. Yet even this numerical superiority didn't give you the courage of your own convictions; elsewise you would have signed your name.

You stated that an intellectual atmosphere would be a threat to Middlebury's "fine ideals." Perhaps these "fine ideals" are not so fine and would crumble before an inquisitive student. If they can't stand up to objective interrogation, then it's about time they were changed.

If Middlebury College is to attain a position as one of the "top colleges" and great places of learning, it will only do so by displaying its campus as a birthplace and battleground of ideas.

M. WALDMAN '61

Associated Asides.

Sing Out, Sweet Land!

By DONALD FREEMAN

We take most kindly the generosity of the usual muser in these columns who has so magnanimously allowed us to ruminate upon the possibility of College without a choir.

WE WHO HAVE faithfully signed the salmon-pink ducats thrust our way by the proper authorities over the past several years have been fortunate in hearing a choir which has an excellent reputation in small-college circles. The choir has performed in past years such highly regarded works as Bach's "Magnificat," Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" and portions of Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom," all of which are rated high on the scale of difficulty even by professional groups.

We also are fortunate to have in the person of Jean Berger, associate professor of music, a choir director who is also a composer, and as such is considered one of America's foremost contemporary composers of choral music. Those of us who listened to the choir's rendition of his "Psalms of Penitence" can surely testify to this.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT of choir tryouts for freshmen and sophomores are circulated two weeks ago. The results of this call were 40 women, and out of the 384 males who hope to graduate some two or three years from now, a resounding two. This type of enthusiasm is not calculated to prostrate a choir director with elation. At this rate, one would hear, some years hence, the thin piping of a double octet in the cavernous halls of Mead Memorial. Fine for a Barroom Brawl, but a bit meager for a church service.

PERHAPS IT MAY be said that there isn't anyone left around the banks of the dear ol' Otter with any choir experience. Yet the number of fraternity serenades before the admiring eyes and pin-curls of Battell Northeast, etc., seems to be sprouting in geometric progression with the number of bits of Balfour jewelry bobbing to and fro across The Street. But with such an alarming paucity of self-admitted singers in our midst, perhaps romance will have to die a natural death in these hills for lack of hymners of its quintessential qualities.

ENOUGH OF ALLEGORY. We of the south half of the enclave have already given over to the ladies the Time-Honored Custom of step-singing; this writer bids them welcome to it. But let us not find ourselves listening exclusively to coloratura EVERY Sunday. We think there's something to be said for contribution not only to one's College but to one's self by lifting voice in song, be it ever so raucously. A voice like Caruso is not the prerequisite here; enthusiasm and support of a vital College organization most assuredly are. For, as the Bard put it:

The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils.
("Merchant of Venice," V, 1)

GENTLEMEN of the freshman and sophomore classes, it's up to you.

Curriculum Series

Classics Offer Cultural Insight

By DIANE HODET and ANNE HORTON

The prim, straight-backed, old-maid Latin teacher carrying her well-worn copy of Caesar's "Commentaries" and the accompanying grammar book filled with ablative absolutes fortunately does not characterize the classics department at Middlebury. In fact, one professor, not connected with classics, remarked, "Strangely enough, the classics people at this school are among the most broad-minded with regard to their interests and attitudes."

This compliment is reflected in the statement of aims in the catalogue: "The principal aims of courses in the classics are to enable the student to attain a rapid and accurate reading knowledge of Latin or Greek, and then to read broadly while he is developing his critical skill and sense of humanistic evaluation. Greek and Latin literature are understood to be a reflection of the spiritual and artistic concern which mark the literature of the West, and the major literary achievements are to be studied in this light."

Unlimited Opportunity

Realization of this goal is possible with small classes, for there is unlimited opportunity for discussion and contributions of each student. Students are treated not as high-school sophomores who must be checked up on, quizzed and tested, but as intelligent individuals with ideas and interests which can be shared with classmates and professor. In short, he is given the respect and freedom that any intelligent college student deserves.

Thus, by working at his own rate outside of class, the student may devote the class period to sight-reading of related authors and discussing varied subjects, in the belief that knowledge and understanding cannot be narrowed. It is assumed that the student is willing to pursue the course in this mature manner.

The requirements for a major in Latin include four literature courses, climaxed by the senior reading course — a survey of Latin Literature with special emphasis upon authors of particular interest to the student. A year course in ancient history and a semester course in sociology are recommended.

Few Rigid Requirements

The lack of many rigid requirements enables the student to take several courses in other fields. The Latin 11.1 course has a prerequisite: three years of high school Latin. The courses in Greek are less extensive and no official major is offered in this area.

An intense study of Latin gives insight into the culture of a people very much like ourselves, and the related study of Greek shows a delightful people from whose culture we have much to learn.

Fulbright Awarded To Miss Marsteller

Carol Marsteller '58 is a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship enabling her to study French literature and civilization at the University of Paris.

The scholarship covers full expense of room, board, tuition and transportation.

Under the auspices of State Department's International Educational Exchange program, the Fulbright fellowships are awarded to students selected by the Board of Foreign Scholarships, made up of presidential appointees.

Designed to promote "a better understanding of the United States in other countries and to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and the people of other countries," the program provides opportunities for an exchange of teachers, lecturers, research scholars and specialists between the United States and more than 70 foreign countries.

The exchanges are financed by funds which are part of the currencies or credits owned by the Treasury of the United States.

Kaleid Integrates Efforts, Presents Diversified Result

By LOUISA POTTS

"A variegated changing pattern, scene" — this is one definition of the word "kaleidoscope," and it aptly forecasts the numerous phases in the production of Middlebury's year book.

Each edition of the Kaleidoscope involves the combined effort of the literary, business, photography, sports, art and management staffs, all co-ordinated by the editor-in-chief. At least 30 students contribute their time to the year-long project. Meeting a deadline may involve three or four solid days of work.

Starts in Spring

A Kaleidoscope begins to take form in the spring of the year preceding publication. The new staff meets with the engraving consultant and discusses possible ideas, innovations and future plans. Jane Coutant '58, this year's editor, stressed that the Kaleidoscope has "a much wider scope of material than other publications," which leaves room for the staff to be "more imaginative." Layouts must be planned to fit a pre-established number of pages.

During the summer, miniature layouts are sent to the engraver, Jahn and Ollier Co. The full-size dummy is planned with picture and copy elements roughed in. From this, the editor makes up schedules for each staff based on meeting three printer's deadlines. The cover is also ordered at this time.

Fall Production

In the fall, actual production starts. The photography staff must be ready at any time to take pictures or develop prints. The other staffs first hold tryouts and then begin concentrated efforts to meet deadlines. One third of the book is sent to the printer at each deadline. Preparing the printer's dummy involves an "enormous amount of paper work," as all copy must be typed and thoroughly checked.

At the same time, the business staff is busy soliciting advertisements to help cover costs. Theodore Miner '58, business manager, estimated the total cost at $9,800 to $10,000.

This fall, the Kaleidoscope staff took a poll of the senior class to find out just what members wanted in the year book. According to Miss Coutant, the suggestions were incorporated. The staff has "tried to break ground for future improvements."

In the spring, after all deadlines are met, tryouts are held and the new editor takes over the production of the supplement. Thus the Kaleidoscope year begins again!

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— ROBERT FROST, "The Secret Sits"

"Whatever Robert Frost is, he is at least a complex and sophisticated man. If we would understand poetry, let us be informed about a poet's experience and the crises out of which he speaks. For at the heart of a poem is a poet's own heart. So long as Frost's "Complete Poems" is available on the reader's shelf of books, the poet is always within earshot. His poetry expresses a human personality. This is the main aim in the book: to show how deeply his poetry reflects the heart and mind of man."
— REGINALD L. COOK, "The Dimensions of Robert Frost"

It is with considerable pleasure that we announce the publication of a new book by Professor Reginald L. Cook: "The Dimensions of Robert Frost," a spirited and highly-readable appraisal combining both biography and literary criticism.

"Doc" Cook's primary interest in this book is Mr. Frost's poetry, but he draws upon his long friendship with the poet for anecdotes, conversations, his life at Bread Loaf and his sense of humor so that the book is alive with Frost's personality.

"The Dimensions of Robert Frost" is not just an explanation of the "meaning" of the poetry, nor a warmed-over series of lectures. As was said of Cook's earlier book, "Passage to Walden," it is "disecrning and stimulating" (The Saturday Review) and "eminently readable and enetrating" (New York Herald-Tribune).

You'll thoroughly enjoy coming to know a great man, Robert Frost, through the pages of this book. You'll come to enjoy his poetry more and more. If ever there was a book that is a "must" for Middlebury, this is it.

We have autographed copies, of course, and the price is just $3.95. If you want copies for friends, we offer our usual service of wrapping and mailing.

Let us emphasize again: "Doc" Cook has done a fine job in this book. You'll find it entertaining, readable, and most worthwhile. Get a a copy of "The Dimensions of Robert Frost" tomorrow at

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Reviewer Lauds Cook's Latest Book: Cites Masterful Approach

THE DIMENSIONS OF ROBERT FROST, by Reginald L. Cook. Published by Rinehart and Co., New York and Toronto, 241 pages including key and index. $3.95.

By DONALD FREEMAN
Executive Editor

"If we would understand poetry, let us be informed about a poet's experience and the crises out of which he speaks honestly if painfully. For at the heart of a poem is a poet's own heart."

With this sentence in the preface to his newly published book, "The Dimensions of Robert Frost," Reginald L. Cook, professor of American Literature, sets the keynote for a masterful study of America's greatest living poet, both as a man and as an artist.

The approach to the book is biographical, and it is fruitless to quarrel with this approach. The "New Criticism" abhors it, the horn-rimmed - spectacle - and-long-hair set shun it, yet Cook brings it off brilliantly. The achievement of this aim, of understanding "a poet's experience and the crises out of which he speaks," through this biographical approach is accomplished with objectivity, an extreme sense of intellectual discipline, a scholarly attention to detail and a nicely defined appreciation of Frost both personally and professionally.

It is extremely difficult for a man in Cook's position with regard to Frost to be entirely objective in his treatment of the man and his works. The relationship of the poet and the professor had its beginnings in 1923, when Cook was a senior at Middlebury, and has continued uninterruptedly to the present time. Yet "The Dimensions of Robert Frost" is completely devoid of sentimentality, or of the fecund hero-worship which has so surrounded Ripton's first citizen in his later years. The book proceeds objectively from a consideration of the man to the poet, and thence to the poetry in a masterfully organized progression.

Organic Structure

The closely integrated, organic structure of the book is a key to the scrupulously enforced intellectual control throughout. Every word counts in "The Dimensions of Robert Frost." Cook wastes no words in presenting his materials.

The organization reflects this careful sense of intellectual discipline. The book is carefully divided into seven parts, which in turn are subdivided into individual chapters of from two to 20 pages, each portion focussing sharply on one aspect of the poet. Each chapter is a unit in itself, yet is integrated closely with its fellows. At no point does Cook's thought flow become confusing. He proceeds in an inductive manner to what we feel is as close as anyone can come to "the poet's own heart."

The book is marked by an intensive scholarly devotion to detail and documentation. Each of Frost's remarks quoted by Cook is annotated in a twenty-page key in the back of the book. Each quote from another scource is likewise acknowledged and credited in the textual matter, a delightful departure from many contemporary critics who insist upon burying footnotes beneath indices, re-publication acknowledgments, et cetera. It is patently evident throughout "The Dimensions of Robert Frost" that Cook is speaking from matters of fact.

But lest we become too academic in approaching this book, it is obligatory to note that the book creates in the reader a superbly delineated picture of Frost both as an artist and as a man. Through Cook's brilliantly achieved personal, yet objective approach, we see Frost not only passing through the woods on a snowy evening, but digging in his garden at Ripton, or looking for a certain plant in the forests surrounding Bread Loaf. Yet the revelation is not epiphanic, but proceeds from a scholarly approach to the matter at hand.

The book is a brilliantly conceived, masterfully executed consideration of Frost as a man and as a poet. The dust-jacket commentator calls the book "one of those rare critical studies — entertaining as well as literate — which by their unique penetration of a subject deserve to be called irreplaceable." He is no less than correct.

With the publication of "The Dimensions of Robert Frost," Reginald Cook has made a profoundly significant contribution to American literary criticism of our time.

Four-Point Platform Sparks Thurber's House Campaign

"I think my chances are just as good as anyone's," stated Dean Harris E. Thurber, Vermont Republican nominee for the U. S. House of Representatives.

His opponents for the primary elections Sept. 9 are Burlington's Mayor C. Douglas Cairns and A. Luke Crispe, a Brattleboro lawyer. A fourth candidate recently dropped out of the campaign.

Four-Point Plan

Dean Thurber's campaign platform includes four main points. He views strengthening of the national - defnse - program as "a necessity." "Security should come first if we are to be able to live the kind of life we want to lead," said Thurber.

Concerning a farm program, he favors subsidies as an immediate measure to help the farmer. However, he specifies that subsidies are not the way to help in the long run. They should be reduced, but "the process must be gradual."

Government support of schools is the third point in Thurber's program. Better qualified college students and "improvement of our elementary and secondary schools" are the key to the problem, he feels.

Lastly, he promises "a continuing effort to improve the share of both labor and industry" on the current economic scene.

Born in Orleans, Vt., Dean Thurber was graduated from the University of Vermont, where he also obtained his master's. He hold a Ph.D. from Princeton. Thurber served in the Army during World War II and is presently a member of the Reserve. In addition to his duties as acting dean of men, he is an associate professor of political science.

In regard to his campaign plans and support, Thurber stated, "I've got a lot of good people working for me, and we're going to campaign hard this summer."

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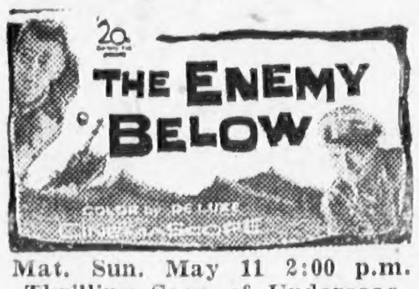

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Money, Not Interest, Motivates Average Summer Job Seeker

By CATHERINE DALTON and THEODORE LEMCKE

Money seems to provide the chief impetus for summer employment at Middlebury, an indication, perhaps, of the materialistic age in which we live.

According to a survey of 140 students, interest in a particular job, or hope of deriving interesting and constructive experience therfrom, is, in general, a secondary concern.

Most of the students questioned, however, intend to use money from employment toward defraying College expenses to some degree. Over half of these will contribute their earnings toward tuition, room and board, while the remaining number will use their money for miscellaneous Colleges expenses, such as books, social money and sorority or fraternity dues.

Lack of Connection

Although most students did include interest in a job as a factor to be considered, very few have chosen a job connected in any way with their major, or with careers planned for the future.

Of those who were still left seeking definite employment, all emphasized the interest factor strongly and expressed their hope of finding a job which tied in with their major to a certain extent.

These findings confirm a statement made this week by Gordon C. Perine, director of placement, that as far as summer jobs are concerned, the majority of students seem more anxious to earn money than to take work which relates to their future.

Perine further stated, in regard to this question, that it is often difficult for upperclassmen to gain summer work in industry or in specialized fields where they would be likely to go after graduation.

The current economic recession has had a definite effect on summer employment opportunities in industry, according to Perine. Students have expressed some difficulty in securing jobs.

Placements Assistance

The placement office often does provide assistance to those wishing to secure summer employment, but, Perine reports, this assistance is limited because of the time and effort required for placement of seniors. A file is kept of available summer jobs, mainly of resort, camp and baby-sitting work. There is also a geographical directory, covering the U. S., of jobs available to women, and both of these files are used frequently.

Of the students surveyed, most have either secured employment, or have fairly definite intentions of doing so. A few will have certain time limitations and restrictions because of summer school plans, which cover most of the summer.

Some are attending summer school in addition to holding a job, and one student carrying this double load expressed the hope of earning $800. A small number have no plans at all for the summer.

The jobs obtained consist mainly of resort, camp or baby-sitting employment, but some plan to work in libraries or at some sort of secretarial work. A large number of men plan to work on construction about the country or in industry, and some intend to travel West to see the country working on wheat farms and in pea canneries when possible.

Most plan to work about a 40-hour week, though some plan to work as many as 70 hours. The average wage expectancy is between $400 and $800. The highest was $1,200.

The most popular location for a job seems to be at, or at least near, home.

Cadets Honored at Review

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con; Major Harold R. Roth; Honorary Cadet Majors Dorothy Bigelow '58, Stephanie Eaton '58 and Mrs. Milton Peterson; and officers of the ROTC instructor group.

The following medals were awarded to outstanding cadets.

The Lt. Col. Stuart C. Williams award to the first-year cadet who has displayed outstanding qualities of military aptitude and proficiency was presented by Dr. Stratton to Richard W. Earhart '61.

The Sons of the American Revolution Medal was presented by Safford to the member of each class who displayed the highest qualities of character and leadership. Recipients were Richard Maider '58, David Riccio '59, Gordon Chader '60 and George Tuttle Jr. '61.

Award for High Average

The Association of the U. S. Army Medal given the first-year advanced-course cadet attaining the highest scholastic average in military subjects was awarded to Edwin L. McDowell '59 by Honorary Cadet Major Bigelow.

The Loyal Legion Medal awarded to the senior cadet who has contributed the most toward fostering the cultivation of military science at Middlebury was presented to Cadet Colonel Smith by Austin.

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Dunbar Sets Mark

Track Team Shows Form; Scores Over Cadets, UVM

By STAN HAYWARD

The Middlebury track team swung into high gear last week as they swamped Norwich, 106-29, and outscored Vermont on Saturday in a quadrangular meet at Burlington.

Highlight Of The Day

The highlight of the Norwich meet was the fine performance of Midd freshman Brad Dunbar, who set a new college standard in the shot put with a toss of 44 feet 2 inches. Dunbar also accounted for ten more points, winning both the discus and high hurdles.

Although it was a meet that afforded little competition for Stub Mackey's team, several other members besides Dunbar likewise had fine afternoons. Ted Parker finished second behind the Midd freshmen in both of the latter's weight events, and went on to get off an excellent throw in the javelin. Parker put three over the 180' mark in winning this event. Freshman Bob Sarajian came in behind Parker. Sophomore Sam Webber got off his best leap in garnering the broad jump of 20'. He also came in behind Norwich's only winner of note. Cylde McClelland, in the sprints.

Dominate Distance Events

Charlie Owens fashioned a victory in the quarter mile, with Gene Sapadin close on his heels. The 880 was an all-Midd sweep, with Dave Symanski crossing the finish line first. Following him were Pete Redman and Sapadin. In the mile Middlebury again swept the nine points, with Redman winning with ease, and teammates Pete Hoyt and Dick Berglund finishing behind him. Middlebury's dominance in the distances continued as they placed 1-2 in the two-mile. Freshmen Pete Hoyt and Dick Berglund, who seem to be giving each other good competition this spring, finished in that order.

Middlebury swept both the hurdle events, with Dunbar, Ton Consolino and Bob Jacobson in the highs; and Captain Miner, Consolino, and Jacobson once again in the lows.

Quadrangular Meet

The quadrangular meet on Saturday saw an extremely powerful Bates team dominate their competition. The afternoon's rain did not help the performers. Nevertheless Bates' Bob Smith did not slow down a great deal as he was clocked in the 440 in 50.3 seconds. Pete Redman won the mile in the exceptionally good time of 4:39.4 under the poor weather conditions. Ted Parker slid to victory in his specialty, the javelin, and also placed in the shot and discus. (Redman came back later to place second in the 880 as Symanski came in with a third). One of the best races of the afternoon was the duel in the two-mile between Midd freshmen Dick Berglund and Pete Hoyt. They fought it out for the last 2½ laps, with Berglund coming out the victor.

Williams Topples Lacrosse Team

By WARREN LASELL

The Middlebury lacrossemen received but one consolation of any merit last Wednesday from the humbling attack of the Williams team.

The Panther defensemen Lavin, Barlow, Bartlett and Cornick were able to hold their opponents' high scoring attackman, Boynton, to a mere three points. In the two previous William's contest Boynton had established an intercollegiate record by scoring 28 points.

As in past games this season Duke Nelson's men had far too many penalties, a total of 31. At times it appeared that to knock the smoothly maneuvering Williams

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Baseball Team Wins Two Of Three Tilts; Beats Norwich 10-2

By BILL WEMMERUS

Middlebury's baseball team got three more games under its belt last week, emerging with victories in two of them. The Panthers knocked off Norwich, 10-2, and AIC 8-5, after having been humbled at St. Michael's by a 12-0 count. A fourth game was rained out. On the season Middlebury now stands at 4 won and one lost.

Lenz Posts 4-Hitter

The victory over Norwich was a breeze. Gerry Lenz allowed only four hits in posting his second win of the season against one loss. Middlebury put together an 11 hit attack, including two homers, and took advantage of eight Cadet errors. Dave Barenborg and im Wright hit for the circuit, while Barenborg and Dick Thomas each lashed out three hits.

Thomas got things rolling for the home team in the first inning Jim Wright hit for the circuit, by getting the first of three singles. Then he stole second and proceeded to third on an error by the Norwich catcher. He scored on Bob Ray's single. Middlebury added four more runs in the third to take a commanding 5-0 lead. Barenborg and Wright hit their homers in this frame. Another run scored in the fourth on walks to Dino Vancini and Lenz, and a single by Thomas.

Take 9-0 Lead

The Panthers' lead jumped to 9-0 in the fifth on just one hit. Three Norwich errors were instrumental as Ray, Dave Warner, and Wright crossed the plate. A hit batsman, an error by Ray, and two singles gave the Cadets their two runs in the sixth inning.

The AIC game was a thriller. Carl Scheer took a three hitter into the eighth inning. In that frame, however, his control left him. After his third base on balls of the inning forced in a run, Bernie Young replaced him. Young also found it tough going, giving up a walk, hitting a batter, and being nicked for a single. In all, ten men came to the plate, and four of them scored. So Middlebury was on the short end of a 5-4 score coming to bat in the top of the ninth.

Thomas Hit Tops AIC

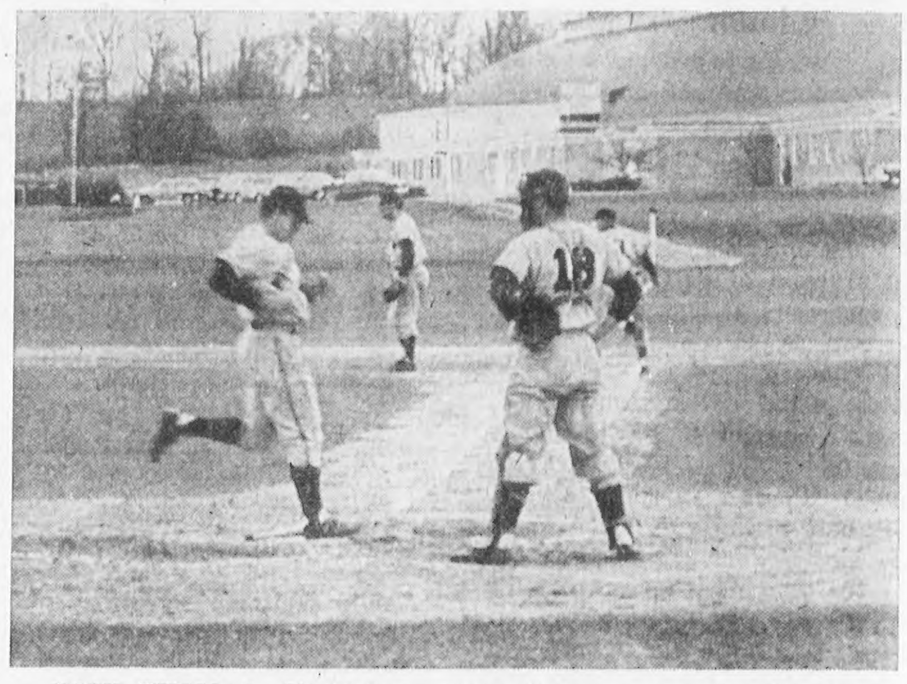
Wright and Tom Burr, the first two Panther batters in the ninth, reached base on errors. Vancini drew a pass, and this filled the bases. A new AIC pitcher entered the game and struck out Young, but Doyle drew a pass and forced in the tying run. A single off the bat of Dick Thomas put Middlebury out in front to stay.

Ray opened the game's scoring in the second by reaching base on a walk, moving to second on a pass to Warner, and scoring on an infield out. Two more Panthers crossed the plate in the third on singles by Scheer and Doyle, a hit batsman, and Barenborg's single. Thomas drove home Scheer with Middlebury's fourth run in the seventh.

Tessier Handcuffs Panthers

The St. Michael's game was a disaster as far as Middlebury was concerned. Middlebury managed only a single hit, a pinch single by Bob Pearl with one out in the nineth. Tessier, the pitcher for the home team, struck out 16 Middlebury batters. While his mates got only six hits off Lenz, Scheer, and Young, they took advantage of seven Middlebury errors. Doyle and catcher Jeff Foran each committed two.

On the basis of five games, Thomas and Barenborg are leading the club in hitting. Thomas is belting the ball at a .429 clip, and Barenborg is at .350. The team has hit four homers, one each by Barenborg, Wright, Ray, and Warner.



DICK THOMAS, Middlebury right fielder, scores for Panthers in first inning of game with Norwich. Thomas crossed the plate on a single by Bob Ray (shown rounding first base in background).

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Tennis Team Beats RPI, Loses to Red

BY LEE FARNHAM

During the past week the Middlebury College tennis team had three scheduled matches. Of the three matches, the team won one, lost one, and had one rained out.

Bostwick, Collier Win

Last Thursday the Colgate tennis team successfully invaded the Middlebury courts. While Bostwick and Collier won the singles matches, the rest of the .team fared poorly as Middlebury dropped the remaining singles and doubles matches to lose by a score of 7-2.

Saturday, the tennis team made an abortive trip to Williams to take on the Ephmen. Having arrived, they were met by rain and the match was forced to be cancelled. There is considerable doubt at this writing if the match will be rescheduled, for the season is drawing to a close.

Beat RPI 5-4

On Monday afternoon, a large, unbiased crowd watched Middlebury win a good, close match against a challenging RPI squad. The final score was 5-4.

Captain Pete Bostwick led the way with a 6-4, 6-2 win over his foe. Dave Deserio, Don Collier, Bruce Cameron, and the doubles team of Summers and Cameron also won their respective matches.

Last year RPI beat Middlebury by the identical score of 5-4, and the year before that the Panthers beat RPI 5-4. This shows how evenly the two schools are matched.

Lack of Space

The RPI match was noticeably impeded by the lack of playing

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Golfers Finish Busy Week With Second At Williams

On Thursday, Duke Nelson's golfers traveled to Hanover, New Hampshire to meet a strong Dartmouth team. The final score found Dartmouth on top by a 5-2 margin. The match was much closer than the score indicates.

Bob Batal, playing in the number five position shot an 81 and was able to defeat his opponent 1-up on the 19th hole. Dave Courter, playing number six got the other win as he likewise had an 81 in defeating Nick Pasrino 2 and 1.

Paul Wise, at number one, shot a fine 75 only to be beaten by the Dartmouth capt., Rod Frates who took the medalist honors with a 72. John Keresztesy was defeated by Harvey Bloom 6 and 4. Bloom also had a very respectable 75. Lenny Faxon, who wasn't hitting the ball too well, was defeated by Milton 2 and 1. Our fourth man played his best round of the year but lost 1 up at the 19th hole. In the final match of the day Mike Closson was defeated by Bentley of Dartmouth 2 and 1.

Upset Wesleyan

On Friday Middlebury played host to a solid Wesleyan team at the Rutland Country Club. At the end of an afternoon of some very fine golf, Middlebury won a close one by a score of 4-3.

Paul Wise tied for the medalist honors with a 75 as he defeated Steve Pyle 3 and 2. The golf team was again fortunate to have Pete Bostwick in the line-up at the number two position. He had little trouble in disposing of Jeff Folley 5 and 4. Lenny Faxon played very well but ran into a very hot opponent who shot a 75 and defeated him 4 and 3. Our number four man defeated Carl Van Etten in a very close match 2 and 1. Bob Batal was far from on his game as he went down to defeat to Phil Van Orman 5 and 4. Capt. John Keresztesy won what proved to be the deciding match as he beat Mike Birtwistle 1 up on the 19th hole. Dave Courter played very well but lost a close 1 up match to Jack Fowler.

Quadrangle Match

On Saturday the Panther golfers traveled to Williamstown to play in a quadrangle match with Williams, Conn. and Holy Cross. At the end of the long day Middlebury found themselves in second place, with Williams on top by a large margin and Connecticut and Holy Cross followed in that order. Williams won all of their matches from us. Both Paul Wise and Pete Bostwick had 81's but were defeated by Hans Halligan 2 and 1 and Bob Julius 5 and 4 respectively. Halligan had a 78 and Julius a 77.

Middlebury defeated Connecticut by a score of 4 - 3. Faxon, Batal, Keresztesy and Bostwick won their matches. Middlebury also defeated Holy Cross, 4½ - 2½. Faxon, Batal, and Closson won their matches while Wise, Bostwick, and Keresztesy picked up the other 1½ points by breaking even with their opponents.

This week finds the golfers journeying to Rutland again to oppose Norwich on Monday. On Thursday, they will travel to Burlington to play in the New England Intercollegiate Golf Championships.

The CRYING TOWEL

by Arnie Bailey

IF YOU LOOK BACK THROUGH THE YEARS, there is one very definite conclusion that can be drawn concerning Middlebury's track team. It has degenerated. No longer do the bespiked ones command opponents' respect at local tracks. No longer do winning seasons fall into the record books. In fact, most of our finishes of late have been of the Silky Sullivan (of Derby fame) variety.

DEGENERATION LIKE THIS doesn't just pop up from the muddy sod. There must be a reason for it. Track made its premier here during the year 1910, way back when the great "green state" was still in the barbarous stage. As years progressed, so did the caliber of our track team. By 1916 they boasted an undefeated slate. Winning seasons and widespread interest followed simultaneously. By 1933 the record had been inflated to an undefeated 12 - 0. Two years later, a 13 - 1 tab was recorded.

BUT THEN, THE DELUGE HIT and the pages of the record book were smeared with losing or at best "break even" years. In their history, Middlebury track teams have racked up and packaged 15 state crowns. But in the past few years, a single win much less than a state champeenship has been something much too rare.

THE CAUSE? CAUSES IS MORE LIKELY. First, we have become a depthless team. In past years, it was nothing exceptional for the Panthers to garner a first, a second, and a third in one event. In fact as recently as 1950, cindermen such as Meeker, West, and a vast anonymity of others supplied more than adequate depth. But recently we have been fortunate to place just one man in a given event.

Second, we no longer possess the superstar team-carrier that some squads were blessed with. Way back when, a youngster who answered to the call Boyd Brown was busily collecting 25 to 30 points per meet. More recently, the talented Tom Hart took a weekly turn in six or seven events and usually walked off with everything but the official timer. Of the performers on the present team only Ted Parker seems capable of amassing more than a meager number of points consistently.

Third, interest in the sport is no longer widespread. It is practically non-existent. Student interest in attending home meets is negligible at best. Furthermore, there are numerous men on campus, capable of strengthening our squad, who would rather participate in the "cold beer league" than help a deserving and overworked varsity coach. Lastly, the admissions office works under a policy which doesn't allow for a widespread searching out and acceptance of athletes as such, much less trackmen.

THE TEAM DOES POSSESS A NUCLEUS OF A TYPE in that it boasts two all-time record holders on one roster. But even with such, Stub Mackey's job is far from an enviable position.

By TERRY TWICHELL

Because of adverse weather conditions very little activity took place intramurally.

In the first game of the week, Sig Ep dropped Zeta Psi from the unbeaten ranks by scoring ten runs on eleven hits, to 8 runs on 9 hits. Southard pitched for the Siggies and added a homerun to his cause.

In the second game of the day, Theta Chi took on the Chipsies in what was a pitcher's nightmare. The final toll was 38 hits with the Thetes winning 21 to 12. The eleven run first inning was too much for the Chi Psi's.

Zeta Psi went down to its second straight defeat of the week as KDR thumped them 10 to 6. The Ranchers only had 7 hits with 5 in the second inning accounting for five runs.

In their second slugfest in a row, the Theta Chi's scored twenty runs, but this wasn't good enough as the Dekes scored 29 runs. Game could be summed up as lots of hits, runs, walks and errors.

Chi Psi continued to lose when ROTC scored 17 to 12. Major Sain hit a homer for the winners and Mr. Volkert hurled for the faculty — ROTC combo.

Friday afternoon brought the start of the intramural track meet. In the opening event, the shot put, Southard and Davidson of SPE placed first and second. Manchester of PKT was third. The high jump was won by Perry of Slug followed by Chaffee of KDR and Lamson of Sig Ep.

In the first of the running events, the hurdles, Dave Collin of Chi Psi proved to be in the best shape. He was followed by Kaufman of KDR and Luce of ATO.

Monday afternoon brought the close of the meet. In the first event the 100 yard dash, Kjecksos of Slug won and was followed closely by Collin of Chi Psi and Haller of Zeta Psi. In the final and most thrilling event of the meet, the relay, the Sig Eps were first followed by Slug and Chi Psi. The final standings were Sig Ep first, Slug second, Chi Psi third, and KDR fourth.

Sailors Elect New Officers

The Middlebury Yacht Club recently announced the election of new officers for the 1958 season. Elected to the post of commodore was Lee Farnham '60. Don Corliss '59 was named to the dual post of vice-commodore and treasurer. The new fleet captain will be Paul Frinsco '61 and Lee Lonsdale '59 will take over as fleet secretary. Nancy Hill '60 was named club secretary while Joseph Cusimano '61 and Frank Hammerstrom '61 will be in charge of publicity.

The club has had four meets cancelled to this date because of a combination of poor weather and a lack of transportation. On May 11, the crew is scheduled to visit Dartmouth for their first competition of the year. Unless plans are changed, this will probably be the only meet of 1958 for the club. On May 12, intra-mural sailing will be held at Lake Dunmore.

Lacrosse...

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men down was the only way in which they would be stopped. The opponents had a total of 19 penalties.

The Panthers played well in the first quarter holdings their rivals to a four - two lead. Freshmen Frank Coy and Norm Higgins netted the Middlebury goals in this period. The score at half time was eight to two.

The remainder of the contest was completely dominated by Williams. Middlebury did manage to get off a few clear shots in the second half but on all but two of these shots the goaler was more than adequate. Dick Maider and Lowrie Gibb garnered the two points which Middlebury scored in this half of play.

Tennis...

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space. Only the three composition courts were playable as the six adjacent clay courts had received a liberal dose of rain in Saturday's tempest.

In addition, the indoor courts at the Field House were out of the question. Visiting teams complain about the lighting and that Middlebury has an unfair advantage, having become accustomed to these deficiencies. Consequently, these courts are useless.

Waiting For Clay Courts

It will be only a matter of time, say the end of the week, before the clay courts will be dried out and ready for use. Then tennis matches can be completed in good light, with plenty of spectator interest.

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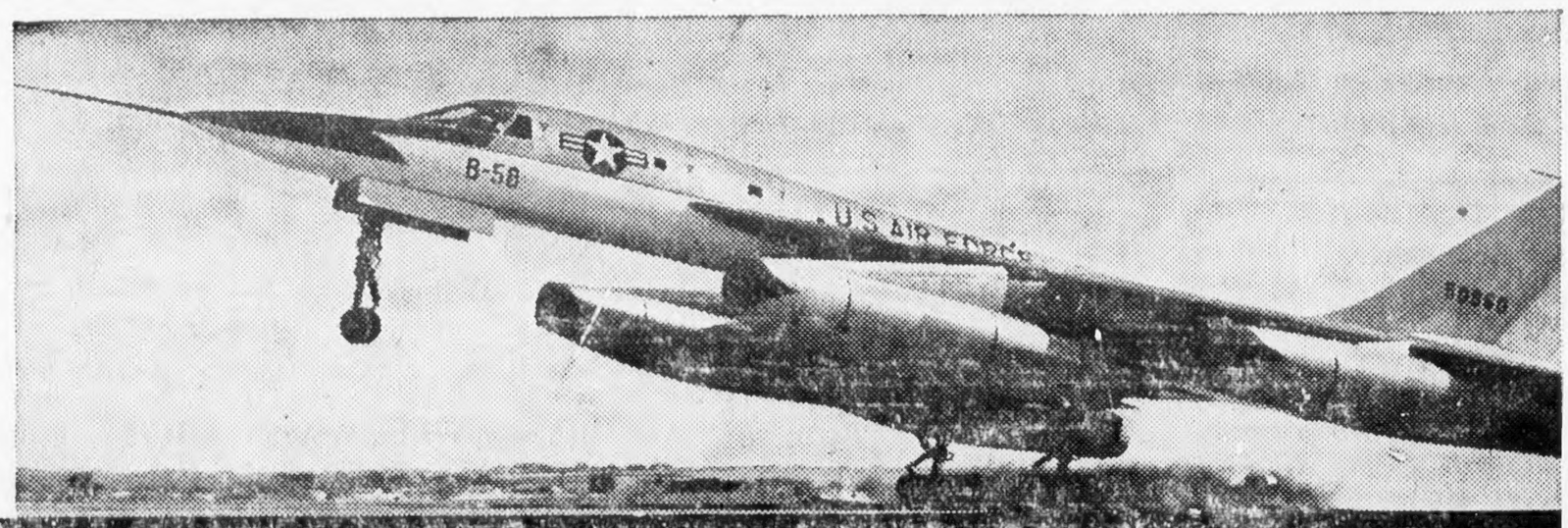

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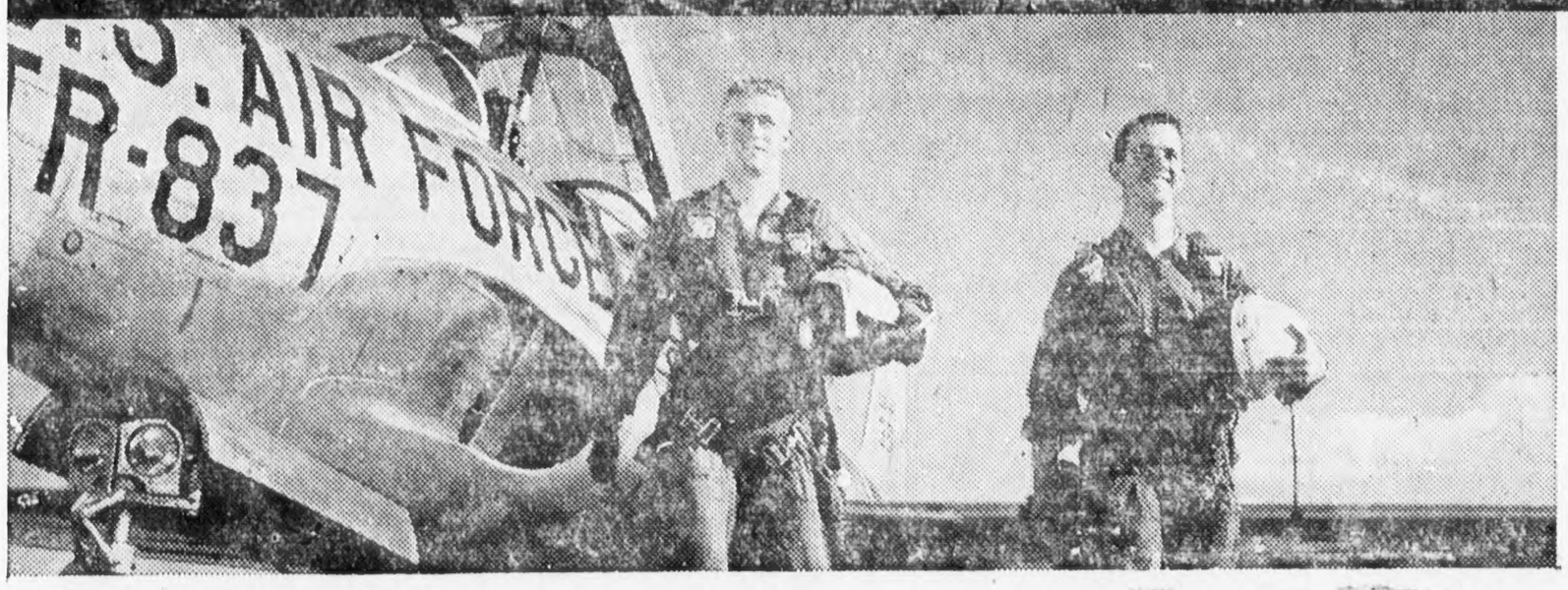

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vanced by the report.

The drop-out rate reflects," he stated, "a progressive crystallization of academic standards" and "a coming into maturity of a generation of teachers." These teachers, with a solid background of five to ten years teaching experience behind them, have grown to realize that they must set some absolute standard to which students should measure up.

This trend is in "head-on collision" with another: a progressive emphasis in high schools and grade schools on the importance of personal adjustment. As a result, he feels, students are now able to set their own standards, and schools hav become sensitive to the attitudes of the student group. Teachers cater to student pressure by grading on the curve, etc.

Handy's visits, over a four-year period to schools as far west as St. Paul, have impressed him with "the bright, happy vacuity" and "standardization" of potential college-goers. Their aspirations, in which intellectual development seemingly plays no part, conflict with those of the "maturing faculty."

The Office of Education report has nailed, he remarks, the argument that "college should be an incubator for the mediocre" to the contradictory argument that there is a distressing waste of talent. Much of the drop-out problem stems from the fact that too many improperly prepared, poorly motivated people are entering college in the first place.

Handy did agree that often the so-called "gifted child" has been lost to college because he has not been identified at an earlier age and put into accelerated courses. Inadequate financial aid has, in this case, been partly responsible, he believes.

He suggested, in addition, that for men, at least, the transition to college is a crucial, precarious adjustment situation, wherein the individual, vacillating between dependance and determination, is called upon to behave as if he had formulated goals.

Frequently colleges do lose good men who, given the chance to develop the right goals and perspectives, would finish their education. We should try selling our male high-school seniors on the army reserve, thereby giving them a pre-college period in which they come to know themselves.

Handy referred to the responsiblity of guidance and counselling functions, a responsiblity appreciable lessened when some of the blame for drop-outs, heaped upon college administrators by the report, is shifted to the student population itself.

Time and money prevent the counsellor from being "a Svengali to the student," from taking over where parents leave off. A big part of education, Handy feels, lies in the student's learning to solve his own problems and to surmount what he considers injustices.

"Many Not Ready"

Mrs. Kelly stated a guidance counsellor can only be of service where students themselves are mature enough to know when they need help. She agreed with Handy that "many are not ready" for college and that mental ability does not provide a sound measure of readiness, if social and emotional maturity are lacking. She added, in answer to another charge made by the report, "There isn't a freshman orientation satisfactory to all students."

Handy concluded by pointing out how the force of population alone, swelling the college enrollments, has made drop-outs proportionatly greater everywhere. Also, people are considering college today, who a generation ago, would never have dreamed of it.

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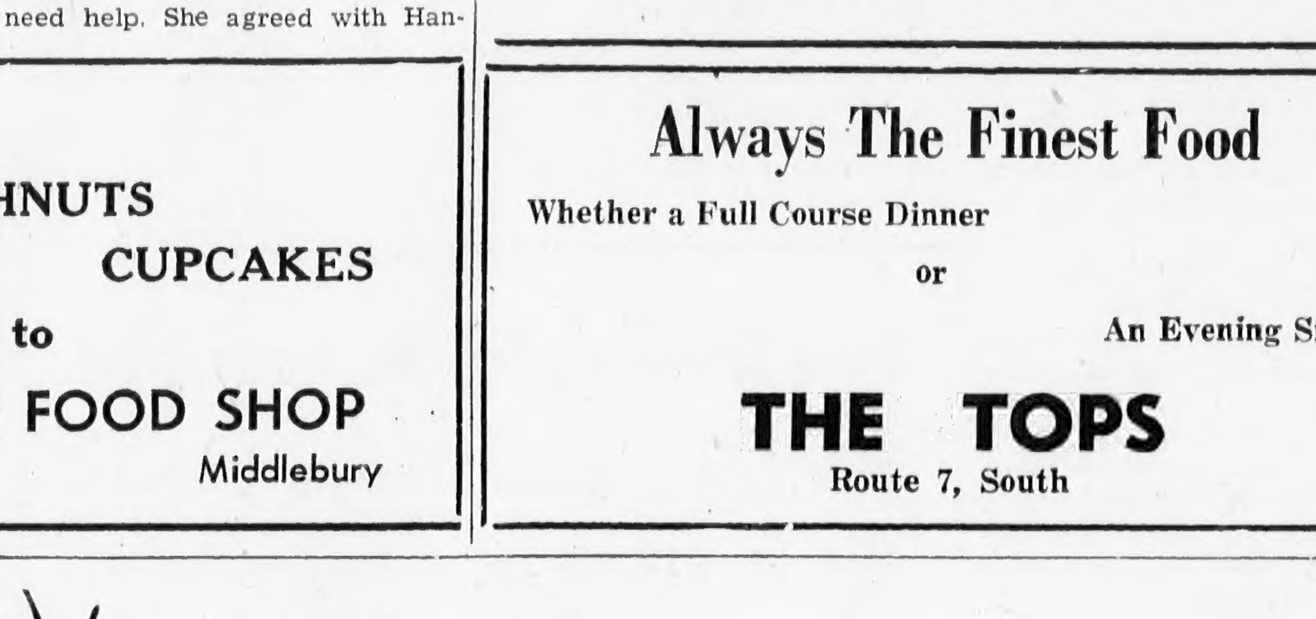

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